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SUBJECT: HARBISON-WALKER AND NEPAL MAGNESITE DEPOSIT

REF: KATHMANDU 1811

1. SPOKE WITH WICKEN APRIL 24. HE ADVISED HARBISON-WALKER NOT INTERESTED IN EQUITY INVESTMENT IN MAGNESITE DEPOSIT BUT PREPARED TO OFFER TECHNICAL GUIDANCE EITHER THROUGH LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH ORISSA INDUSTRIES OR SOME ARRANGEMENT WITH GON. WICKEN SAID HE INFORMALLY ADVISED MINES BUREAU OF TEST RESULTS ON ONE OF HIS TRIPS TO NEPAL, BUT OFFERED PROVIDE FORMAL WRITTEN REPORT WHICH HE ESTIMATED COULD BE COMPLETED ABOUT JUNE 1.

2. WICKEN PLANS A TRIP TO NEW DELHI IN LATE MAY TO CONSULT WITH ORISSA INDUSTRIES. HE EXPECTS TO STAY AT ASHOKA OR OBERON HOTELS AND WOULD BE WILLING DISCUSS HARBISON-WALKER POSITION WITH ERICKSEN IF HE WISHES TO CALL HIM IN NEW DELHI. WICKEN SAID HE WOULD LET US KNOW THE DATES HE WILL BE IN NEW DELHI WHEN THEY ARE FIRM.
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3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS THAT HARBISON-WALKER'S POSITION IS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME AS OUTLINED TO US BY WICKEN IN NOVEMBER WHEN WE INQUIRED DURING AMBASSADOR CARGO'S

CONSULTATIONS AND AS DESCRIBED TO OPIC IN MARCH.

4. OPIC PRESIDENT MAYS ADVISED OF SITUATION AND OPIC PREPARED EXTEND ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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